

May 13, 2020

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 3rd ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Via Electronic Delivery

Majority Leader Fitzgerald Room 211 South Wisconsin State Capitol

Dear Senator Fitzgerald:

I am writing to request that <u>AB 821/SB 785</u>, relating to: changing the 12 percent rule regarding the total value of taxable property included in the creation of, or amendment to, a tax incremental financing district in the village of Little Chute, and <u>AB 245/SB240</u>, <u>AB 246/SB 241</u>, and <u>AB 247/SB 242</u>, which clarify and update existing laws and repeal outdated provisions to ensure the efficient and effective administration of elections be brought up for discussion and a vote in the Senate as soon as possible.

AB 821/SB 785 allows for Agropur, a cheese producer, to expand its current facility in Little Chute. This expansion is expected to have a \$140 million impact that will flow into Wisconsin. In addition to this brick and mortar economic impact, the expansion is expected to generate an additional \$40 million impact on the Little Chute area and other Wisconsin farmers, have a \$1.5 million impact on local businesses involved in facility business operations, and create 40 new full-time positions and set the stage for future expansion.

Assembly Bills 245, 246, and 247 (Senate Bills 240, 241, and 242) were drafted at the request of the Wisconsin Elections Commission and make a number of changes that will clarify or update existing laws or repeal outdated provisions to ensure the efficient and effective administration of elections. These changes are not intended to be policy changes and have bipartisan support.

I understand the situation has changed significantly in Wisconsin. However, I believe these bills will benefit Wisconsin and the 3rd Assembly District long after COVID-19 has passed.

Thank you for reviewing my request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ron Tusler Representative

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